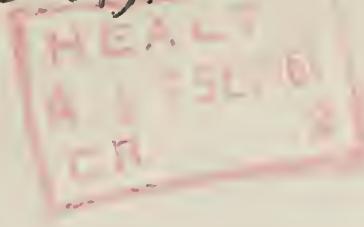


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BOROUGH OF NEW ROMNEY (KENT)

Annual Reports of the Medical Officer of Health and
of the Public Health Inspector for the Year 1960

Mr. Mayor, Alderman and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1960.

Population

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year Home Population was 2,510 which was an increase of 70 over that of the previous year.

Live Births and Birth Rate

The number of live births was 41 (24 M, 17 F.) which was also an increase of 11 over that of the previous year and the crude birth rate was accordingly 16.33; after adjustment by the Registrar General's Comparability factor which is computed from a population standardised for age and sex distribution and allows valid comparison with other Districts the rate becomes 16.17; this was slightly lower than that of 17.1 for England and Wales.

Stillbirths and Rate

One stillbirth was registered and the corresponding rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births was 23.81, compared with that of 19.7 for England and Wales which has remained static around 20 for approximately 30 years due probably to the fact that the hard core consists of genetic or congenital and premature deaths.

Infant Deaths and Mortality Rate

It is gratifying to record that this rate was nil, as there were no infant deaths.

Maternal Deaths and Mortality Rate

It is also gratifying to record that this rate was also nil, as there were no deaths amongst mothers due to Pregnancy, Childbirth, and Abortion; in fact there have been no deaths for a number of years which is a very creditable reflection of the high standard of modern obstetric practice.

Total Deaths and Death Rate

The total number of deaths from all causes was 31 (15 M. 16 F.) and the crude death rate was accordingly 12.36 which, after adjustment by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor, as for births becomes 11.74 compared with that of 11.5 for England and Wales.

The chief group cause of deaths, as invariably in previous years, was Heart and Circulatory Diseases and Vascular lesions of the Nervous System owing to the fact that these are the natural ultimate causes of death amongst the aged.

Disease of the Coronary Artery of the Heart is, however, an exception in that it claims many victims in middle age; of these there was a total of eight deaths, the ratio of males to females having been 3 : 1, and the ages at death having ranged from 47, 57, 64, 68 to 97 years. Intensive research is being concentrated on its causation which is still obscure.

Cancer, also as in previous years was the second highest cause of death, despite the notable modern advances in diagnosis and treatment, and is probably due to the fact that the majority of persons who suffer from the disease are in old-age and procrastinate in seeking medical advice, having regard to the often insidious and latent onset of the disease. The total number of deaths was eight.

Of these, Cancer of the Lung caused one male death, aged 74 years.

Like Coronary Thrombosis, many deaths occur from it in middle age and invariably predominate amongst males which may be significant when associated with excessive smoking; nevertheless, it is a fact that the majority of 'Smokers' do not die from Cancer of the Lung, and it may be that those who suffer from the disease have a latent predisposition which smoking accelerates or precipitates.

There was no death due to the Infectious Diseases and amongst the remaining miscellany of causes their was no exceptional incidence.

The Infectious Diseases

Relatively few cases of notifiable infection occurred within the Borough throughout the year.

Whooping Cough

Twenty-five cases were notified. More and more children are being inoculated each year at the Child Welfare Centre or by the family Practitioners and it is hoped that an immune barrier is being created against future outbreaks of this distressful and often serious children's disease.

Measles

This was a non-epidemic year, only two cases having been notified. Nevertheless it seems inevitable that outbreaks will occur, usually every second year as the virus is always present amongst children. Fortunately, it is not generally a serious disease in that its serious complications such as Broncho-pneumonia, Suppurative Otitis Media and Acute Encephalitis, in that order of frequency are comparatively rare; it would seem, however, that Acute Encephalitis has been more prominent in recent years.

Scarlet Fever

One sporadic case was notified.

The causal organism in its present phase has lost much of its virulence of former years and its once serious complications such as Acute Nephritis, Carditis and Suppurative Otitis Media are now seldom seen. Cases are usually admitted to Hospital for social reasons, as, for example, when it is desirable to prevent the spread of infection in a crowded household.

Erysipelas

One case of this skin infection was notified. The causal organism is the same as that of Scarlet Fever, and prior to 1936 when the Sulphonamides were introduced was a serious disease. Treatment, however, with the Sulphonamides or Antibiotics to which the organism is sensitive is specific and it is almost dramatic to observe the recession of the inflammation.

Tuberculosis

Only one new case of Respiratory Tuberculosis was notified and was in the 65 plus age-group. Prior to around 1950, the majority of notifications were in the 15 - 24 age-group, but since then the number of notifications have been declining to nil, which is a very desirable

trend. School Leavers are also offered B.C.G. vaccination which should further consolidate this position.

The Mass Radiography Service which visited the Borough in July 1960, discovered no new cases out of a total of 372 individuals, and this may be regarded as a general index that there is no reservoir of infection within the population.

No new cases of Non-Respiratory Tuberculosis were notified and this very satisfactory position may also be regarded as a general index of the safety of the milk and to a lesser degree the meat supplies, from the contagion of the Bovine bacillus.

There were also no deaths which reflects the notable advances achieved in modern treatment.

It is hoped in the fore-seeable future that all the powerful forces of prevention being engaged will eventually eliminate this disease which has afflicted man for Centuries.

In conclusion, I wish to take this opportunity of thanking you for your interest and support in the work of the Department and the staff for their co-operation and assistance.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J. MARSHALL. M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Central Public Health Office,
14, Church Road,
Ashford,
Kent.

Tel: No: Ashford 1485.

STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT

FOR 1960

Area:- 1,509 acres

Registrar-General's Estimate of:-

The Resident Population	...	...	...	2,510
Number of Inhabited Houses According to the Rate Books	...			1,112
Rateable Value	...	...	...	£42,281
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	...	...	...	£165

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

The ancient and historical Cinque Port Borough of New Romney, is today predominantly an Agricultural District. There are also within the Borough, the workshops of the Romney, Hythe, Dymchurch Light Railway and a few small factories. Part of the boundary is formed by the sea at Littlestone and Greatstone where there are wide expanses of sand which attract many summer visitors and holiday-makers. There is almost no unemployment and social conditions may generally be regarded as being satisfactory.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

		Total	M.	F.	New Romney Borough	England and Wales
1.	<u>Live Births</u>	41	24	17	Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	16.33 (Adjusted Rate 16.17)
	(a) Legitimate	40	23	17		
	(b) Illegitimate	1	1	-		
2.	<u>Stillbirths</u>	1	1	-	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	23.81 19.7
	(a) Legitimate	1	1	-		
	(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-		
3.	<u>Total live and stillbirths</u>	42	25	17		
4.	<u>Deaths</u>	31	15	16	Death rate per 1,000 resident population	12.36 (Adjusted Rate 11.74)
5.	<u>Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion</u>	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 (live and still) births	Not available
6.	<u>Deaths of Infants under One Year of Age</u>	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 live births	21.7
	(a) Legitimate	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 legitimate live births	-
	(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births	-
7.	<u>Deaths of Infants under Four Weeks of Age</u>	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 live births	15.6
	(a) Legitimate	-	-	-		
	(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-		
8.	<u>Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births</u>				2.44%	
9.	Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	...	...	8	
	Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	...	-
	Deaths from Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	...			-	
	Deaths from Measles	...	...	...	-

The following cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year:-

Acute Primary or Influenza Pneumonia	...	...	...	13
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	25
Measles	...	...	...	2
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	1
Erysipelas	...	...	...	1

CAUSES OF DEATH IN NEW ROMNEY BOROUGH

DURING 1960

ALL CAUSES					Males	Females
					15	16
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	...	...	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	...	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	...	-	-
4. Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	...	...	...	...	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	-	-
8. Measles	...	...	...	...	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	...	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	...	1	2
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	...	...	1	-
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	...	-	-
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	...	-	-
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	...	3	1
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	...	-	-
16. Diabetes	...	...	...	...	-	-
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	...	1	4
18. Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	...	6	2
19. Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	-	-
20. Other heart disease	...	...	...	...	2	4
21. Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	...	-	-
22. Influenza	...	...	...	...	-	-
23. Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	-	-
24. Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	-	2
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	1	-
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	-	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	-	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	...	-	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	...	-	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	...	...	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	...	...	...	...	-	-
32. Other defined and all-defined	...	...	...	...	-	-
33. Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	...	-	1
34. All other accidents	...	...	...	...	-	-
35. Suicide	...	...	...	...	-	-
36. Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	...	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality, 1960

<u>Age Periods</u>	<u>New Cases</u>				<u>Deaths</u>				<u>Total Cases on Register</u>			
	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
0	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
1	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
5	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards					1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total					1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

There were no deaths from Tuberculosis of patients who had not been notified as suffering from this disease.

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

Diphtheria Immunisation, Whooping Cough Immunisation
and Smallpox Vaccination figures for 1960.

<u>Year of Birth</u>	<u>Diphtheria Immunisation</u>		<u>Smallpox Vaccination</u>		<u>Whooping-cough Immunisation</u>
	Primary	Reinforcing	Primary	Revaccination	Primary
1960	27	-	13	-	27
1959	26	1	14	-	29
1958	2	1	1	-	1
1957	1	2	1	-	1
1956	2	6	-	-	2
1955	1	18	-	-	1
1954	1	4	-	-	1
1953	-	-	-	-	-
1952	-	1	-	-	-
1951	-	2	-	-	-
1950	-	-	-	-	-
1949	1	-	1	-	1
1948	-	1	1	-	-
1947	-	1	-	-	-
1946	-	-	1	-	-
Before 1946	-	-	-	2	-
Total	61	37	32	2	63

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION, 1960

The following table gives (A) the number of second injections and (B) the number of third injections given during the year ended 31st December, 1960.

(A)	1	19	11	3	2	4	1	2	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	2	-	31	93	3	178	
(B)	-	9	24	7	7	11	6	2	11	5	7	3	10	14	10	4	2	3	91	23	8	257
BORN	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1933	1942	TOTAL	
																			OTHERS			

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, 1960

The following is a return of the number of children under the age of 15 years on 31st December, 1960, who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e., at any time since 1st January, 1946)

<u>Year of Birth</u>	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	TOTAL
Last complete course of injections (whether primary or booster) 1956 - 1960	-	7	33	6	10	41	23	22	16	42	44	36	31	30	27	368
1955 or earlier	39	38	29	52	35	15	12	16	19	6	-	-	-	-	-	261

MASS RADIOGRAPHY SURVEY

Details of Survey carried out in Ashford during July, 1960

MINIATURE FILMS TAKEN

<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
166	206	372

ATTENDING MASS RADIOGRAPHY
FOR THE FIRST TIME

<u>Total</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
70.	18.8

RESULTS

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Active Tuberculosis	-	-	-
Inactive Tuberculosis	1	3	4
Cancer of Lung	-	-	-

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

The quantity of water supplied to the area is adequate and is free from carbonate hardness. None of the supplies are plumbo-solvent.

(A) Examination of Water Supplies during the year

	Bacteriological Examination			Chemical Examination		
	No. of Samples	Satisfactory	Not Satisfactory	No. of Samples	Satisfactory	Not Satisfactory
Statutory supply undertakings.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Private sources piped to dwellings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other private sources	-	-	-	-	-	-

(B) (i) Number of dwellings not supplied by public water mains or other adequate piped supplies. ... NIL

(ii) Number of dwellings in the area ... 1,112

(C) Action taken in respect of any form of contamination - None found

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Reference to any additions or improvements in respect of sewerage systems or sewage disposal works and also to new schemes constructed during the year.

- NIL -

FOOD (INCLUDING ICE CREAM AND MILK) AND FOOD PREPARING PREMISES

(i) (a) the number of food premises in the area ... 40
 (b) the number of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. ... 32
 (c) the number of inspections of registered food premises ... 20
 (d) the method of disposal of condemned food - Burial at refuse tip.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Number of inspections of:-

Bakehouses	...	...	Not applicable
Butchers and meat products manufacturers	...	...	6 }
Catering Establishment and Clubs	...	...	12 }
Dairies	...	...	6 } Estimated
Fish (including fried)	...	...	11 }
Licenced Premises	...	...	6 }
Stalls, Itinerant Vendors and delivery vans	...	...	3 }
All other Food Premises	...	...	12)

Number of Informal (including Verbal) Notices Served (Food and Drugs Act - Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955)

- NIL -

Preparation of Food and Food-preparing premises

(A) Brief particulars of any action taken, including inspection of meat and other foods, slaughterhouses, stalls, vehicles and food-preparing places:-

No action necessary.

(B) Observations on manufacture and sale of ice-cream in accordance with the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations 1947 - 1959.

Pre-packed ice-cream only sold.

Number of samples of Ice Cream taken for bacteriological examination during the year and results obtained

- NONE -

(ii) MILK AND DAIRIES

(1) Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949 (Part III)

Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959 (Part III)

No. of registered distributors	...	...	2
No. of registered dairies	...	...	3

(2) SUMMARY OF MILK SAMPLING for the purposes of Milk (Special Designation) Regulations.

	<u>No. of Samples taken</u>	<u>No. of Samples which failed</u>
Pasteurised Milk	Nil	Phosphatase test: Nil
Sterilised Milk	Nil	M. B. test Nil
Tuberculin Tested Milk (raw)	Nil	Turbidity test: Nil

MEAT INSPECTION

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.

- NIL -

<u>Number of Slaughter-houses in use</u>	<u>Private Slaughter-houses Licensed Operating</u>	<u>Bacon Factories</u>	<u>Knackers' Yards</u>
Slaughter-houses/Abattoirs in operation owned or leased by Local Authority	Nil	-	-

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Unsound Food Surrendered

Frozen Ox-liver	10 lbs.	Frozen lamb kidney	10 lbs
Bacon	9 "	Cooked Ham	28 "
also miscellaneous canned foodstuffs.			

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS

HOUSES IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHERE

(Summary of quarterly returns by local authorities to Ministry of Housing and Local Government in P.13 Hsg. for the year ending 31st December)

A. Houses demolished

In Clearance Areas (Housing Act, 1957)	Houses Demolished	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	-	-	-
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement	-	-	-
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2) Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
Not in Clearance Areas			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-

B. Unfit Houses Closed

	Number
(5) Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957	-
(6) Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957	-
(7) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	-

C. Unfit Houses made fit and Houses in which defects were remedied

	By owner	By Local Authority
(8) After informal action by local authority	6	-
(9) After formal notice under -		
(a) Public Health Acts	2	
(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957	1	
(10) Under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957	-	

D. Unfit Houses in temporary use (Housing Act, 1957)

Position at end of year	No. of houses (1)	Number of separate dwellings contained in column (1) (2)
(11) Retained for temporary accommodation		
(a) Under Section 48	-	-
(b) Under Section 17(2)	-	-
(c) Under Section 46	-	-
(12) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53	-	-

E. Purchase of Houses by agreement

	No. of houses (1)	Number of occupants of houses in column (1) (2)
(13) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased in the year.	-	-

IMPROVEMENTS AND CONVERSIONS GRANTS

Number of schemes submitted and number approved for works of improvement or conversions, including total costs, the grants made and the number of houses concerned.

Standard Grants - 7 applications - all approved
Number completed - 3 (including one from previous year)
Total of Grants - £356

Discretionary Grants - Nil

INSPECTIONS - Summary of inspections made:-

Public Health Act, 1936 and Housing Act, 1957

Number of inspections of dwellings re repairs	...	...	10
Number of dwellings made fit	...	...	5
Number of inspections for purposes of Sections 16/17 Housing Act. (Demolition and Closing Orders)	...	...	Nil
Number of inspections of clearance areas	...	...	Nil
Number of inspections for general survey and assessment	...	...	2

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958

Housing Subsidies and Standard Grants

Number of inspections in connection with Discretionary Grants	Nil
Number of inspections in connection with Standard Grants	15

Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 and Rents Act, 1957

Number of inspections re Certificates of Disrepair	15
Number of inspections re Certificates as to Remedy of Defects	Unknown

Housing (General)

Number of inspections re housing applications	Nil
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Public Health Act

Number of inspections re:-

Tents, Vans and Sheds	20 estimated
Aged and Infirm Persons	...	...	2
Vermin	...	...	-
Dirty Houses	...	...	5
Offensive accumulations	...	...	1
Offensive odours	...	...	6
Nuisance from Keeping of Animals	...	...	-

NOTICES SERVED

Informal

Formal

Public Health Acts	3	2
Housing Acts	-	1

HOUSING

(i)	No. of families on Council's waiting list at end of year	50
(ii)	No. of Council houses built during the year	Nil
(iii)	No. of Private houses built during the year	46

HOLIDAY CAMPS

There are no holiday camps in the Borough

CARAVAN SITES

There is one Caravan Site in the Borough - namely, New Romney Caravan Sites Ltd., Clark Road, Greatstone. Number of caravans - 135

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

3,824 loads removed. Vehicle mileage - 12,281
 Vehicle fuel consumption - 1,074 gals.
 Summer influx of population overloads the emptying service especially at Greatstone giving rise to nuisance.

DRAINAGE

Total number of inhabited houses (including Flats) is	...	1,112
Total number of houses connected to the sewers	...	454
Number of houses connected to cesspools and sedimentation tanks	...	688
Number of houses not connected to sewers	...	688
Number of premises with pail closets	...	Nil

REFUSE COLLECTIONS AND DISPOSAL

The build-up in summer population has necessitated an increase in loaders from two to three men.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1959

1. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health
 (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector.)

Premises (1)	Number on Reg- ister (2)	Number of Inspec- tions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
i) Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4, and 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	-	-	-
ii) Factories not included in (i) which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	13	5	1	-
iii) Other premises in which Section 7, is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	40	20	-	-
Total	54	25	1	-

Cases in which Defects were found

Particulars (1)	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		Number of cases in which Prosecution were Instituted (6)
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Convenience					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	1	-	-	-

RODENT CONTROL

	Type of Property				Agric. ture
	Non-Agricultural				
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	All Other (including inc. Council Houses)	Total of Cols.(1) & (3)	
I. Number of properties in Local Authority's District	5	1,112	95	1212	2
II. Number of properties inspected as a result of:-					
(a) Notification	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Survey under the Act	4	2	-	6	-
(c) Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	25	75	15	115	1
III. Total inspections carried out - including re-inspections	12	5	-	17	-
IV. Number of properties inspected (in Sect. II) which were found to be infested by:-					
(Major)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Rats (Minor)	4	1	-	5	-
(b) Mice (Major)	-	-	-	-	-
(Minor)	-	1	-	1	-
V. Number of infested properties (in Sect. IV) treated by the L.A.	4	2	-	6	-
VI. Total treatments carried out - including re-treatments	4	2	-	6	-

RODENT CONTROL

	Type of Property Non-agricultural			Total of Cols. (1) (2) & (3)	Agric- ultural
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses)	All Other (including Business Premises)		
VII. Number of notices served under Sect. 4 of the Act. (a) Treatment	-	-	-	-	-
VIII. Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Sect. 4 of the Act.	-	-	-	-	-
IX. Legal Proceedings	-	-	-	-	-
X. Number of "Block" control schemes carried out	-	-	-	-	-

